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HOUSE RESOLUTION 224
By Brown

A RESOLUTION honoring the work of the Chattanooga
Homeless Coalition under the leadership of Bob
Milsaps and Jim Schmidt.

WHEREAS, it is fitting to note the hard work and dedication done on behalf of the
homeless population of Chattanooga and its surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the Chattanooga Homeless Coalition began in 1988, was incorporated in
1995 as a private, not-for-profit corporation, and evolved into the Continuum of Care for
Homeless Services in 1998; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1998, the Coalition expanded its service areas to include
southeast Tennessee, northeast Alabama, and northwest Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a voice mail system has been instituted to better serve the needs of
homeless persons by linking them to opportunities in employment, housing, health and human
services, as well as to family and friends, resulting in a marked decrease in the time it takes a
homeless individual to secure employment; and

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WHEREAS, a state-of-the-art computerized case management system has been implemented to more efficiently provide services for homeless persons, while simultaneously increasing staff productivity and saving tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, exemplary leadership for this noteworthy organization has come from two outstanding individuals: Bob Milsaps and Jim Schmidt; and

WHEREAS, Bob Milsaps serves as the Coalition's Systems Administrator, providing technical support for the implementation of programs and, in 1995, served as voluntary chairman of the Coalition Committee which planned the aforementioned Community Voice Mail and Centralized Case Management programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt serves as CEO of the Coalition, with 40 years of experience in administration and planning to his credit. Mr. Schmidt began his professional career working with teenage and adult young gangs in Saint Louis, and then held management positions with a Community Action Agency, the United State Peace Corps, a local United Way, public mental health and mental retardation board, in addition to owning and operating four successful small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Milsaps and Mr. Schmidt have successfully created a fortified team of technical, program and management experience which has resulted in innovative programs to assist the homeless in creating better lives for themselves, health and independence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this body does hereby officially honor and express its deep appreciation to the Chattanooga Homeless Coalition, Inc.; its CEO, Jim Schmidt; and Systems Administrator, Bob Milsaps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

